



Our Lady Star of the Sea Apollo Bay
 Our Lady of Fatima Lorne
 St Mary's Colac
 St Peter's Birregurra
 St Joseph's Cressy



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Colac and Apollo Bay Parishes are a community of believers, who strive to bring Christ's good news to all people in the district. Through service, caring and love we aim to create an environment of respect and understanding in which everyone can grow. We acknowledge the First nations Peoples of these lands, seas and waterway on which we gather. The First Nations peoples of these places were the first to dance stories and remember times of healing and hurt. We acknowledge the elders past and present, and future.

Third Sunday of Lent – 12th March 2023 –Year A



Responsorial Psalm

Lord, Let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in you.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and Praise Lord Jesus Christ; Glory and Praise to you.
 Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world.
 Give me living water, that I may never thirst again.
 Glory and Praise Lord Jesus Christ; Glory and Praise to you.

This Week's Readings

Third Sunday of Lent
 Exodus 17:3-7. Romans 5:1-2.5-8. John 4:5-42

Next Week's Readings

Fourth Sunday of Lent
 Samuel 16:1.6-7.10-13. Ephesians 5:8-14. John 9:1-41.

Deaths: Gerard Sculley, Von Carmody (nee Monaghan), Neil Cole.

Anniversaries: Mary-Anne Ryan, Wendy Hynes, Cameron Gerard Riches, Matthew Harrington, Fr John McGannon C.S.s.R. Julie O'Sullivan (Finn), Daniel & Mary McGannon.

MASS TIMES - COLAC, CRESSY, BIRREGURRA.		
Tuesday	5.00pm	St Mary's- Colac
Wednesday	10.00am	St Mary's- Colac
Thursday	10.00am	St Mary's- Colac
Friday	10.00am	St Mary's- Colac
Saturday	6.00pm	St Mary' Church
Sunday	9am & 11am	St Mary' Church
RECONCILIATION: Each Friday after 10am Mass. Anytime by Appointment.		
St Mary's: Holy Hour - Every 1 st Tuesday of Month: 4-5pm		
Rosary - each Friday: 9.30am St Mary's Church		
MASS TIMES OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA – APOLLO BAY		
Tuesday	5.30pm	
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	10.00am	
Sunday	11.00am	
OUR LADY OF FATIMA - LORNE		
Sunday	9.00am	

CONGRATULATIONS: 90th Birthday last week:
 Bernadette Tait (nee Carew).

BAPTISMS: We welcome into our Parish this weekend:
 Mahlie Bond, Alfie Bond, Samuel Holdaway,
 Jack Holdaway, Tom McInnes & Frankie Bower.

Funeral: Von Carmody (nee Monaghan):
 Next Friday 17th March – 11am:
 Holy Family Church Manifold Heights.

Combined Ecumenical Worship Service:
 Today 12th March at 10.30am
 Beeac Uniting Church.
 Morning Tea to follow. All Welcome.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS: LENTEN PROGRAM - Year A

"God Is on the Journey Too"- Booklets available today
 @\$ 10.00 each (For personal use and
 /or Group Reflection).

* **Project Compassion** – Envelopes & Boxes available

C.W.L. Meeting: Tuesday 14th at 1.30pm in
 St Mary's Meeting Room.

Vinnies Colac - need Volunteers just a few hours any
 day especially Monday and Saturdays. Call in and see
 Kerry or phone 52312738.

CHOIR PRACTICE: In preparation for Lent and Easter.
 Tuesday 14th March commencing at 5.30pm.

All Welcome!

ST PATRICK'S DAY– This Friday 17th March.

Lunch at East Ballarat Hotel! 12 Noon. All Welcome!
 (For Bookings: Names to Mandy by thurs.12 noon).

VANUATU: In support of Gilbert and
 our other Vanuatu Parishioners.

A Leaving Collection will be taken up
 On the 4th Sunday: March 25th/26th.

Their family homes have been

destroyed in the 2 Recent Cyclones – as well as all of
 their Crops. Gilbert before coming to work at A.L.C.
 previously worded as a curator at the Catholic
 /Cathedral in Port Villa. He will be able to distribute
 our dontions in consultation with the Catheral Staff.



BLESSING OF PLAQUE – MEMORIAL DYSON & DARRYL SCOTT

Parishioners are invited to attend the Blessing
 Ceremony of Memorial Plaque for Dyson & Darryl
 Scott as a tribute to our *New Pathway at St Mary's
 Church* on Sunday 26th March at 11am Mass -
 followed by Light Luncheon. All welcome.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord Let your mercy be on us as we place out trust in you.
Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord.
Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
The flock that is led by is hand.
O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at
Massah in the desert, when your fathers put me to the test;
When they tried me, though they saw my work."
Lord Let your mercy be on us as we place out trust in you.

**Pope Francis
March Intention**

For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

APOLLO BAY & LORNE

FIRST COLLECTION:

BSB: 083585

ACCOUNT: 810967715

SECOND COLLECTION

BSB: 033600 ACCOUNT: 230038

CRAWFORD FAMILY GROUP – Luncheon Thursday 16th March. Gellibrand Hotel . Meet at carpark @11.45am. Ring Anne Zucal 0409 120 255.

GLEESON FAMILY GROUP activity for March 2023 . Lunch at Babil Restaurant (ex Oddfellows) Sunday 19 March 12.30pm. Please Contact Pat 0413081617 for booking numbers.

CROFT FAMILY GROUP Pizza lunch at the Drews’ on sun 19th March at 12.30 pm. Usual contirubiton of salad or dessert are welcome. RSVP Anne 0428327535.



PROJECT COMPASSION 2023 – TEREESA, AUSTRALIA

A young Gamilaroi woman born and raised on Darug land, Teresa felt disconnected from her culture. At just 16 years old, she had to leave school after falling pregnant with her first child. A single mother struggling with homelessness, Teresa’s only concern was finding stability for her children. “I was homeless. I didn’t have a place to call home...my kids never had a connection to the community,” Teresa said. Seeking a better future for her children, Teresa joined Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation’s Young Mums and Bubs Group, supported by Caritas Australia. Baabayn helped Teresa access housing for her family and psychological support. Through the program Teresa reconnected with her culture through Indigenous art. Her artistic skills flourished, and her artwork was chosen for the Vivid festival in Sydney in 2022. “I don't think I'd be the person I am today without Baabayn and being part of the mum's group has brought out a lot of creativity in my bones that I didn't even know I had,” Teresa said. Today, Teresa works at Baabayn, providing support to young mothers and mentoring the next generation of young people.

FRANCIS MARKS 10TH ANNIVERSARY IN CHAIR OF PETER On March 13, 2013, the world’s cardinals went to the ends of the earth to elect a successor to St Peter who would become the first pope from outside Europe. Relatively unknown outside South America, then-76-year-old Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio SJ, the Archbishop of Buenos Aires, took the name Francis, from St Francis of Assisi.



Ten years later, Pope Francis’ vision of a Church that is poor and for the poor has taken shape not only through his homilies, speeches and encyclicals, but through practical gestures. Pope Francis has fully embraced the message of Matthew’s Gospel where we learn about what Jesus’ ministry to the marginalised meant in practical terms. “In Matthew 25, we hear the powerful words, ‘When I was hungry, you fed me, when I was sick, you visited me, when I was naked, you clothed me’,” The country director for the Jesuit Refugee Service, Ms Tamara Francis has been an exceptional and consistent teacher and mobiliser who role models a great empathy towards refugees fleeing traumatic circumstances wherever they may be.

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